

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 132**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez**

March 20, 2012

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 132—Relative to organ donation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 132, as introduced, John A. Pérez. Donate life California Day: driver's license.

This measure would designate April 18, 2012, as DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and April 2012 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of California, and encourages all Californians to be organ, tissue, and blood donors.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Organ, tissue, eye, and blood donation are  
2 compassionate and life-giving acts looked upon and recognized  
3 in the highest regards; and  
4 WHEREAS, More than 113,000 individuals nationwide and  
5 more than 20,000 Californians are currently on the national organ  
6 transplant wait list. While about one-third of these patients receive  
7 a transplant each year, another one-third die while waiting due to  
8 a shortage of donated organs; and  
9 WHEREAS, A single individual's donation of heart, lungs,  
10 liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight  
11 lives. The donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up  
12 to 50 others, and a single blood donation can help three people in  
13 need; and

1 WHEREAS, Millions of lives each year are saved and enhanced  
2 by donors of organs, tissue, corneas, and blood; and

3 WHEREAS, Californians by the millions are joining together  
4 to save and enhance lives by becoming registered donors. Nearly  
5 nine million Californians have signed up with the state-authorized  
6 Donate Life California Registry to ensure that their wishes to be  
7 an organ and tissue donor are honored; and

8 WHEREAS, A California resident can register with the Donate  
9 Life California Registry when applying for or renewing his or her  
10 driver's license or identification card at the Department of Motor  
11 Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
13 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of April as National Donate  
14 Life Month, the Legislature proclaims April 18, 2012, as  
15 DMV/Donate Life California Day in the State of California, and  
16 April 2012 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the State of  
17 California. In doing so, the Legislature encourages all Californians  
18 to register with the Donate Life California Registry by checking  
19 "YES" when applying for or renewing a driver's license or  
20 identification card or by signing up at  
21 [www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org) or [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org);  
22 and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.